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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

- 1-6 (Canceled)
- 7. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 6, wherein the clasps are hook and loop closure Velcro straps that form loops.
- 8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 6, wherein the clasps are generally C-shaped, semi-rigid clasps, whereby the gardening tool handle engages the clasps by a snap connection.
- 9-10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12 6, wherein the at least one gardening tool head and the gardening tool handle are designed to engage and disengage via a locking pin connection.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising: a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

a set of clasps associated with the case body, a first clasp of the set positioned adjacent a first end of the case body and a second clasp of the set positioned adjacent a second end of the case body; and

an elongated a gardening tool handle designed to extend between and engage and disengage with the clasps and used to carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted selectively on the gardening tool handle.

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13. (Original) The device of claim 12, whereby the clasps extend outward from the edges of two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body and the gardening tool handle passes

through at least one clasp and has a releasable attachment in at least one other clasp.

14. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12, whereby the clasps extend outward from

the edges of two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body and the gardening tool

handle passes through at least one clasp and has a releasable attachment to at least one other

clasp, wherein the releasable attachment is the same as used for mounting the at least one

gardening tool head.

15. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 12, whereby the clasps comprise opposed,

interleaved clasps extending outwardly extend outward from two case halves joined at a hinge

and forming the case body and the gardening tool handle passes through at least one clasp and

has a releasable attachment to at least one other clasp, wherein the releasable attachment is the

same as used for mounting the at least one gardening tool head.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous,

protectively coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.

18. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous,

oil coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.

(Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, 19.

material carrying rust protectant, the inner portion located inside the case body.

20. (Original) The device of claim 12 wherein the inner portion is constructed of a material

impregnated with oil, the inner portion located inside the case body.

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21. (New) The device of claim 12, whereby the clasps comprise opposed, interleaved clasps

extending inwardly from two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body.

22. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the tool handle is comprised of two telescoping

sections.

23. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the inner portion is molded plastic with holding

portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand

tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to

tool heads.

24. (New) The device of claim 12, wherein the inner portion is resilient foam with holding

portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand

tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to

tool heads.

25. (New) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising:

a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening

implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

a set of clasps associated with the case body, the clasps extending outwardly from the

edges of two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body; and

a gardening tool handle designed to engage and disengage with the clasps and used to

carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted

selectively on the gardening tool handle, the gardening tool handle passing through at least one

clasp and having a releasable attachment to at least one other clasp, wherein the releasable

attachment is the same as used for mounting the at least one gardening tool head.

26. (New) A storage and transport device for garden tools comprising:

a case body constructed of a generally rigid material;

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an inner portion adapted to hold at least one gardening hand tool, at least one gardening implement, and at least one gardening tool head;

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a set of clasps associated with the case body, the clasps comprising opposed, interleaved clasps extending outwardly from the two case halves joined at a hinge and forming the case body; and

a gardening tool handle designed to engage and disengage with the clasps and used to carry the case body, wherein the at least one gardening tool head is designed to be mounted selectively on the gardening tool handle, the gardening tool handle passing through at least one clasp and having a releasable attachment to at least one other clasp wherein the releasable attachment is the same as sued for mounting the at least one gardening tool head.

- 27. (New) The device of claim 26, whereby the releasable attachment is a threaded connection used to attach to the at least one gardening tool head.
- 28. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is constructed of a porous, protectively coated material, the inner portion located inside the case body.
- 29. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the tool handle is comprised of two telescoping sections.
- 30. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is molded plastic with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.
- 31. (New) The device of claim 26, wherein the inner portion is resilient foam with holding portions shaped to hold one or more items selected from the group comprising gardening hand tools, gardening implements, gardening tool heads and the tool handle for operable connection to tool heads.